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First and foremost we would like to thank you for your prompt response and also for placing our opinions on said web site. However, we have some more perspectives to voice with you.

As was briefly covered in our initial letter, proposed changes in MCR Subchapter 6.500 could have extremely detrimental effects on the administering of justice. In that it is the "last bastion of relief" to the petitioner in the state courts. And sets the blueprints for what can and will be reviewed in Federal Habeas Corpus proceedings. Specifically the following changes;

MCR 6.502 [C]-limiting the "Form of Motion" to "not exceed 25 pages, double spaced."

MCR 6.502 [E]-"scratching" memorandum of law as an approved attachment.

The combination of these changes alone hampers a person's appeal to an insurmountable degree. Rendering a layman, in an already precarious situation and a distinct disadvantage, into a position that most skilled attorney's would find daunting. Limiting something as complex as the appeals process to the confines and content of a

children's book.

Furthermore, the proposed changes in MCR 6.505 [F][6] and [I], dealing with the right to assistance of a lawyer, advice, appointment for indigents only compounds the probability of injustice. Being that a indigent prisoner is less likely to have adequate assistance in these proceedings. So while they face higher hurdles they are provided even less assistance. Even creating known potential for conflict of interest in attorneys representing more than one appellant involved in same case.

The criminal justice system was designed by professionals, for professionals. Hence the age old adage "The man who represents himself has a fool for a client." But those who are indigent are placed into the "fools" role, not necessarily willingly. And without adequate safeguards in place to assure a level playing field, once again, justice is not served.

More and more rule changes and laws seem to be directed at the guilty, with little regard for the innocent. This mentality has no place in, of all places, the appeals process. For we must have faith that justice will prevail, innocent or guilty. But it must be allowed to run its course, not be hampered and stifled from the start.

In closing, the Criminal Justice System was not designed to be an assembly line. It is not about productivity and production. It is about peoples lives and their rights. And even an assembly line has recalls for defects. So why would we deem it proper to turn out a defective "product" in the court system, when it is not deemed acceptable on a line of G.M.? Why? Because people pay for those cars and we can't afford to pay for our attorney. And in America you get what you pay for.

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